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CAO search on hold until after civic election

Postponed. Mayor Sam Katz says there are 'well over 80' applicants for the role

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The search for a new chief administrative officer for the City of Winnipeg won't be completed before October's municipal election.

City officials made the announcement in a press release on Thursday afternoon, adding that the nine-person committee handling the hiring "has decided to postpone the recruitment process until after the Civic Election citing the time constraints of delivering a suitable candidate prior to the election."

Mayor Sam Katz answers questions at Wednesday's city council meeting as acting CAO Deepak Joshi looks on. BERNICE PONTANILLA/METRO

The city's acting CAO, Deepak Joshi, will stay in the role until someone is hired.

During Wednesday's city council meeting, Coun. Paula Havixbeck (Charleswood-Tuxedo) asked Mayor Sam Katz about the search for a new CAO.

Katz said at the time that the process was well in hand.

"We have had several applications — I think well over 80," said Katz.

"I believe there is a short list that's come forward and we'll be having a meeting next week to determine how to move forward."

Executive policy committee has the responsibility through the City of Winnipeg Charter of hiring all statutory officers. However, as of a council motion last October, two non-EPC members have been added to the committee.

The city's press release also noted that Organization Consulting Limited was hired on Jan. 13, to "conduct an extensive search and recruitment process for a new CAO."

SEND IN THE GOWNS

It's graduation time in Winnipeg, and hundreds of young ladies will once again attend their grads in style thanks to Gowns for Grads. Volunteer Caroline Stewart holds up one of the donated dresses that girls could choose from at the RBC Convention Centre on Thursday. The charity begins collecting gowns for Grad 2015 in June and donations can be brought to any Perth's location. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

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Pride Winnipeg helps launch event north of 55th parallel

Making history.
Thompson site chosen to 'encompass all northern communities'

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Inspired after attending the 2013 Pride Winnipeg Festival, a Manitoba woman has organized the province's first LGBTTQ Pride event held above the 55th parallel.

Expected to become an annual event, Pride North of 55 will take place June 28 in Thompson and will be the first event of its kind held in a rural Manitoba community.

"We feel that we're making history by having this event in our community," said Michelle Smook, organizer and chair of Pride North of 55 at launch at the Manitoba legislature office of Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton.

"The name Pride North of 55 was chosen to encompass all northern communities in Manitoba."

Smook, who lives in Thompson, worked with Pride Winnipeg to form an organizing committee to establish the event.

"We'd like to invite all Manitobans to come out and celebrate Pride North of 55 with us," added Smook.

In the planning of the event, Pride Winnipeg attended public hearings for Bill 18: The Public Schools Amendment Act, also known as Safe and Inclusive Schools.

"(There was) a lot of opposition, from the rural communities especially," said president of Pride Winnipeg Jonathan Niemczak.

"A lot of the language that we heard ... words that we assumed we had moved past, but we didn't. We sort of had our city blinders on here at Pride Winnipeg.

"We assumed that the rest of the province was just as inclusive and just as progressive as the city of Winnipeg."

Michelle Smook, chair of Pride North of 55, worked alongside Pride Winnipeg to establish the first Pride event held in a northern Manitoba community. DARRIN BAUMING/FOR METRO

Niemczak said there are only two Pride events that take place in the province, in Winnipeg and Brandon.

"That's when we came up with the Rural Pride Development Program," said Niemczak, adding the program's aim "is to provide resources, support, as well as access to our networks for rural communities and their planners so they can develop Pride in their own communities."

Fringe candidates first out of gate in mayoral race

Candidate Michael Vogiatzakis
METRO

The first day of the mayoral campaign period saw two fringe candidates register, including one who wanted to set the record straight. His criminal record, that is.

"I want to be transparent with people, and I want to start with myself," said funeral director Mike Vogiatzakis during a press conference at city hall on Thursday.

"The proper way to start a campaign is to tell people about your criminal record if that's what's been in the paper, lately."

The candidate's rap sheet lists an assault charge from 1988, for which he was fined $200, and a contempt of court charge, for which he was fined $100.

Vogiatzakis said the assault charge stems from when he was assistant coach of a hockey team.

"An elderly gentleman was being abused by a hockey player. I stepped in, and because I stepped in to defend that gentleman, I was charged with assault," he said, adding that he doesn't remember the circumstances of his contempt of court charge.

A month ago, Vogiatzakis said he had 30 policy statements he would release as part of his campaign platform. He has not yet released them, but he did provide a snapshot.

"The No. 1 issue that I think is facing the city right now ... it's potholes, it's the streets, it's the infrastructure. It's terrible," said the owner of Voyage Funeral Home, who believes the city needs a mayor who'll "think outside the box."

The first candidate to register as a mayoral candidate Thursday was controversial blogger Gordon Warren. He's running on a "three plank" platform: greater transparency (similar to Vogiatzakis), less waste, and less tax.

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We Day makes Winnipeg return in October

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Each year, students from Manitoba and northwestern Ontario earn the chance to see inspirational speakers and performers by participating in social-justice projects locally and around the world.

The 2014 talent lineup will be announced when school begins this fall.

"We are so excited to come back to Manitoba," said Dalal Al-Waheidi, executive director of Feed the Children.

"When we go to cities, from a youth empowerment perspective, we want to come back so we can offer this opportunity to more schools as well as more young people to get engaged in local and global activities."

Last year's event welcomed 16,000 students from more than 380 schools.

"The amount of activities that (the schools) have supported is really outstanding in Manitoba," said Al-Waheidi.

Last year, Ness Middle School held a competition among classrooms to see who could collect the most cans of soup for We Day.

The school donated more than 2,000 cans of soup to Winnipeg Harvest. They also raised more than $500 for international clean-water initiatives. **SCOTT BEST/FOR METRO**

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5,000. NDP announces another plan to boost child-care spaces

The Manitoba government is promising to create an additional 5,000 child-care spaces over the next five years.

The province is also providing a two per cent increase in operating grants this year to help boost employee wages, and says it will improve its online registry.

The new spaces are in addition to similar five-year plans announced in 2002 and 2008.

The government has been under pressure to fund even more spots.

Advocacy groups such as the Manitoba Child Care Association have said there are about 11,000 children on waiting lists across the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

New Goldeye a fish out of water

Jeremy John.
Breakfast Television host signs one-day contract with local baseball club

Breakfast Television host Jeremy John will be living his baseball dream on Sunday with the Goldeyes. CONTRIBUTED

The Winnipeg Goldeyes will take a good, long look at a "seasoned" prospect this weekend, hoping a recently turned 40-year-old can open some eyes in the ball club's first exhibition game of 2014.

Jeremy John, who moonlights as host of Breakfast Television on Citytv, has signed a one-day professional baseball contract with the Fish worth an astounding $0.

"The contract also claims I'm an overage unskilled player," said John, whose day on the diamond goes Sunday afternoon at Shaw Park against the University of Winnipeg Wesmen.

"I told them it was a terrible idea, but I insisted on signing the contract before I explained why: 'You just signed a guy who is 40, never played organized ball and has a bad back.'"

In preparation for his likely single late-inning plate appearance, John has been working with 2012 American Association playoff MVP Amos Ramon, a four-year Goldeyes veteran and Winnipeg resident.

"As Amos said, just use my hands and turn my hips," explained John, who has also recently undergone chiropractic adjustments, physiotherapy and acupuncture to fine-tune his body.

"Here's the thing: I'm in over my head. I'm out of my depth no matter what.... My hope is, as they move through their pitchers, I'll get somebody who's having an off-day. Amos has guaranteed me I'll see nothing but fastballs." **DARRIN BAUMING/FOR METRO**

Quoted

"It's going to be three swings — the hardest swings I can muster. I'm not taking any pitches. There's no point in taking pitches. I'll swing as hard as I can at three pitches, and then I'll smile and go sit down."

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Winnipeg police spokesperson Const. Jason Michalyshen speaks to media after police charged Galena Flett, 20, Wednesday in the stabbing death of her common-law partner Adrian Acoby, 25. SHANE GIBSON/METRO

Woman charged in partner's death

Winnipeg stabbing. Suspect arrested at bar less than a day after slaying

A Winnipeg woman is facing second-degree murder charges after police say a domestic dispute turned violent early Wednesday.

Adrian Acoby, 25, was found stabbed in a home in the 1300 block of Elgin Avenue West around 3:40 a.m.

He was taken to hospital in critical condition, where he later died.

Police spokesperson Const. Jason Michalyshen told media Thursday police believe the victim had been involved in a domestic dispute with his common-law partner when she pulled out a knife and stabbed him.

"Obviously the injury was a very critical injury," said Michalyshen. "We've talked about domestic related matters in the past, they're volatile situations and very unpredictable."

Michalyshen couldn't say whether or not the couple was alone in the home when Acoby was stabbed, but did say someone nearby called police to the scene.

"I can't specifically tell you ... whether or not someone else was in the residence at the time," he said. "We made contact with witnesses and I can tell you that at least one neighbour — and likely more — were identified and assisted the investigation."

After identifying their suspect police arrested Galena Flett, 20, at a Main Street bar shortly before 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Flett has been detained at the Provincial Remand Centre.

SHANE GIBSON/METRO

For young children

Immunization rates decrease in the city: Report

Immunization rates among young children in Winnipeg have declined over the last decade, according to a new report from Peg, the United Way's community indicators website.

Peg stated that in 2011, the proportion of seven-year-olds who had the complete set of shots for measles, mumps and rubella was 69.5 per cent, down from 78.7 per cent in 2002.

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Closing harbours. Manitoba fights zebra mussel infestation

The Manitoba government will close Gimli, Winnipeg Beach, Balsam Bay and Arness harbours this spring to stop an infestation of zebra mussels.

Conservation Minister Gord Mackintosh says the government will spend $500,000 to spread potash to control and perhaps even eradicate the mussels. He says it will likely take about two weeks in late May or early June.

The minister says officials are looking at a staging process to ensure those who fish can still access the lake when the season starts.

Zebra mussels THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Zebra mussels are an invasive aquatic species that can disrupt the food chain and clog water pipes. They have already caused damage in the Great Lakes and spread in 2010 to North Dakota.

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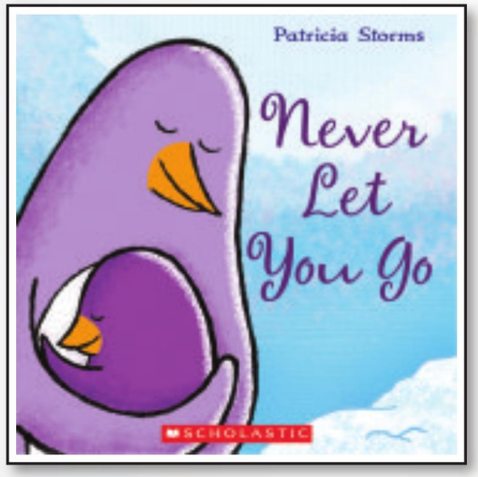

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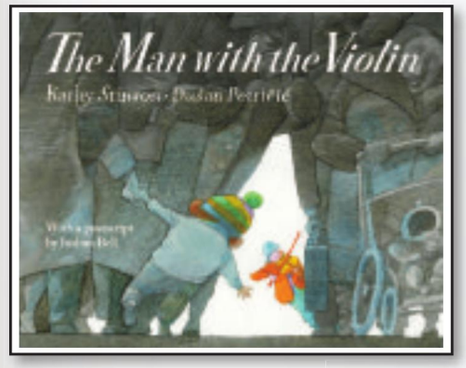
The Man with the Violin



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Ford silent as he heads to rehab

'He's a broken man.' But mayor will apparently remain in the running for October's election

Down, but not out

- Despite his announced leave from both the mayor's office and his re-election campaign, Ford will apparently remain in the running for October's municipal vote.
- Deputy Mayor Norm Kelly, who has been doing most of Ford's job since council stripped him of most of his mayoral duties last year, has been left firmly in charge.

Mayor Rob Ford left home Thursday, hours after announcing plans to take leave to deal with his substance-abuse problems amid a triple dose of scandalizing revelations that have raised further questions about his fitness for office.

Confronted with reports of a recent video showing him allegedly smoking crack cocaine, an audio recording of the mayor spewing profanities and making lewd comments about a fellow mayoral contender, and witness accounts of him snorting cocaine at a city nightclub, Ford said he would be seeking "immediate help."

"He's a broken man. He's got a lot of demons," Ford's lawyer Dennis Morris told The Canadian Press. "He realizes that he's not well and in need of help. He's just running off the rails. That's something he now appreciates."

Ford did not speak to reporters in front of his home as he left in a two-car convoy Thursday morning.

A private plane flew him to Chicago, Global TV reported, while CBC cited his brother as saying Ford would be spending 30 days at an unspecified addictions facility.

At a news conference Thursday, an emotional Doug Ford said facing your problems and deciding to seek help is not easy. "I told Rob that everyone knows someone who has faced these challenges and I know they will wish him well and a speedy recovery," he said.

The scandal-plagued mayor's latest woes began late Wednesday, with a trio of damaging newspaper reports.

The Globe and Mail said a drug dealer had shown two of its reporters video of Ford allegedly smoking what was said to be crack in the basement of his sister's home early Saturday morning.

Then, in an audio recording from a bar obtained by the Toronto Sun, Ford is heard making anti-gay remarks, using an offensive ethnic slur, and saying he would like to "jam" rival candidate Karen Stintz.

The mayor said he didn't remember the events but confirmed being at the bar, the Sun reported.

In a third report, the Toronto Star published details of "two nights of utter debauchery" involving Ford at a Toronto nightclub a few weeks ago.

At one point, the paper said, Ford almost got into an altercation with pop idol Justin Bieber, who jokingly asked the mayor if he had any crack cocaine with him.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford leaves his home early Thursday. After maintaining for months that he is not an addict or an alcoholic, Ford announced Wednesday he is seeking help for substance abuse as media reports emerged with new drug and alcohol allegations. FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford is shown with what appears to be a pipe in an image taken from the Gawker.com website. GAWKER.COM

Mayoral candidate Karen Stintz reads from a prepared statement regarding the latest Rob Ford allegations at city hall in Toronto on Thursday. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shootings test U.S. 'stand your ground' laws

Intruders lured into fatal encounters. Two recent cases involve people who said they were afraid of homes being burgled again

What the laws say

- Montana's law says a person is justified in using deadly force to prevent an assault or a forcible felony.
- Minnesota law allows the use of deadly force in a home to prevent a felony, but it must be considered a reasonable response.

A Montana man is accused of setting a trap and blasting a shotgun into his garage, killing a 17-year-old German exchange student. A Minnesota man is convicted of lying in wait in his basement for two teenagers and killing them during a break-in.

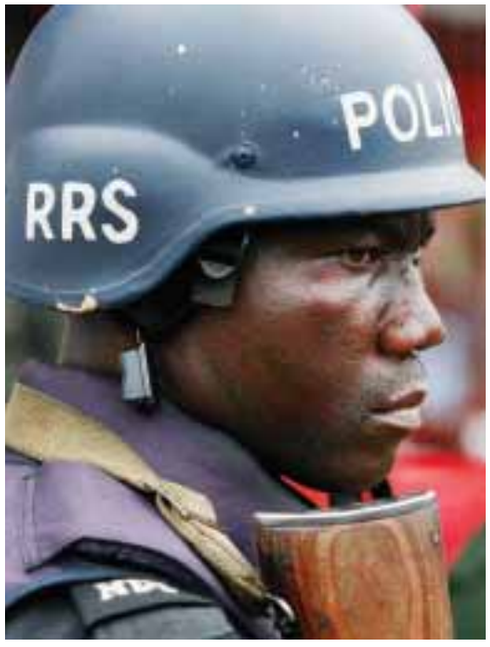
The two recent cases have intensified the debate about America's so-called "stand your ground" laws: Do laws that allow private citizens to protect their property also let them set a trap and wait for someone to kill?

In Montana, Markus Kaarma told investigators his home had been burgled twice before Sunday's shooting death of Diren Dede. The night of the shooting, Kaarma and his partner, Janelle Pflager, left their garage door open and Pflager left her purse in the garage, prosecutors said.

When they heard sounds, Kaarma said he took his shotgun and without speaking fired four times. Dede was hit in the head and the arm.

In Minnesota, Byron Smith, a 65-year-old retiree, was convicted of premeditated murder Tuesday. in the shooting of Nick Brady, 17, and Haile Kifer, 18, after the cousins broke into his home in 2012. Smith's attorney said burglars had previously hit his client's home, and he was afraid.

Prosecutors said Smith moved his truck to make it look as though no one was home, and waited in the basement with food, water and two guns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Outrage over kidnapped Nigerian schoolgirls grows

A police officer stands guard Thursday as outraged Nigerians took to the streets in Lagos for another day to demand that their government do more to rescue more than 200 schoolgirls kidnapped two weeks ago by Islamic extremist from the government Chibok Girls Secondary School. The girls are between 16 and 18 years old and had been called to the school to write a physics exam. SUNDAY ALAMBA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Aboriginal women. Tories won't budge on inquiry

The Conservative government is resisting renewed calls for an inquiry into murdered and missing aboriginal women despite a media report that suggests there may be hundreds more cases than previously thought.

Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney was asked Thursday to call an inquiry in light of a report by the Aboriginal Peoples Television Network that Canada may be home to more than 1,000 cases of murdered and missing women.

His answer, in short: no.

Instead, Blaney launched a partisan broadside against the NDP's refusal to support the budget bill, which includes of money aimed at stopping violence against aboriginal women and girls.

APTN, citing an anonymous source, reported that the RCMP have identified more than 1,000 cases after contacting more than 200 other police forces across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Child porn. Father fights judge's order before case

The father of the alleged victim in a prominent child pornography case says he's opposed to a publication ban on her identity because it will erase her tragic story from public view.

A provincial court judge in Halifax cited a mandatory publication ban Wednesday that prohibits the identification of victims in child pornography cases.

The girl's father said in an interview Thursday that he plans to oppose the ban before the courts if it isn't lifted.

The teenaged girl died last year and the case has resulted in national headlines since then.

The man also says his ability to make effective arguments for reforms and to raise public awareness may be harmed by the judge's ruling.

Quoted

"You've just taken something very public with my daughter and hidden it in a closet and I don't want this in a closet. I want this out in public for all to see."

Father of victim

Two teens face charges of distributing child pornography in connection with the case, while one of them also faces a charge of making child pornography.

Judge Jamie Campbell cited the ban under Section 486 of the Criminal Code, which prevents the naming of victims of child pornography, after a Crown lawyer noted the relevant section.

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Botched execution. 10 minutes of agony in prison

The head of Oklahoma's Department of Corrections said in a letter to the governor Thursday that the state must change its execution procedures to allow for more oversight after an inmate suffered an agonizing death this week as the state tried to put him to death.

Clayton Lockett died of an apparent heart attack 10 minutes after prison director Robert Patton halted the execution. A second execution set for Tuesday night was initially rescheduled for May 13, but Patton called Thursday for an indefinite stay.

In his letter to the governor, Patton said it was wrong to leave "all responsibility and decision-making" to the warden of the Oklahoma State Penitentiary at McAlester, where executions are carried out.

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Mother shows mercy to son's convicted killer

Hometown hero. After seven years of awaiting vengeance, mother has change of heart

People awaiting the public execution of Bilal Gheisari in the northern city of Nour, Iran. ARASH KHAMOUSHI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Her son's killer stood on a chair on the gallows, his hands shackled, the noose around his neck. Hundreds crowded outside the jailhouse in a northern Iranian town to see if the mother, Samereh Alinejad, would exercise her right to kick the chair out from under him to let him hang.

But after seven years of dreaming of revenge — up to the last moment she held the killer's life in her hands — Alinejad pardoned Bilal Gheisari.

That act has made her a hero in her hometown, Royan, on the shores of the Caspian Sea, where banners in the streets commend her family's mercy. Two weeks after the dramatic scene at the gallows, well-wishers still pass by her home to praise her and her husband

Alinejad told The Associated Press during a visit to her home that retribution had been her only thought ever since her 17-year-old son Abdollah was killed seven years ago in a street brawl when Gheisari's knife sliced through his neck.

Families of murder victims in Iran and some other Muslim countries are often faced with the final word over whether convicted killers live or die. The Islamic law concept of "qisas" — an "eye for an eye" provision — gives them the chance to oversee the killer's execution.

They also have the option to have mercy. often in return for blood money payments of $35,000 or more. Forgoing qisas is seen as an act of charity and a chance to atone for one's sins.

In standard murder cases in Iran, it is a choice left up to victim's family, not the government.

Further deepening the family's sense of loss, their other son, Amir, died years earlier in an accident when he was riding his bicycle and was hit by a motorcycle — and Gheisari was one of two boys on the motorcycle.

On April 15, Alinejad walked slowly toward the gallows, with Gheisari's family among the crowd of onlookers. A blindfolded Gheisari, weeping, begged her for his life one last time.

"Did you have mercy on us? Did you show mercy to my son?" she demanded. "You have taken happiness away from us. Why should I have mercy toward you?"

Alinejad stared angrily him. Then she slapped him across the face. She and her husband slipped the noose off his neck, and with that move, Gheisari's death sentence had been commuted to 12 years in prison — half of which have already been served.

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Plea from the gallows

"Forgive me, Aunt Maryam. Show your mercy."

Bilal Gheisari, begging for his life from mother of a boy he killed seven years earlier.

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Scan the photo below with your Metro News app to see a heart-wrenching cellphone video of one teen's last moments aboard the sinking South Korea ferry

Video released by ferry victim's family shows last moments

Doomed journey. Video recovered from one of the nearly 220 declared dead; many still missing

Quoted

"We're all finished. I have to leave some farewell words before I die." An anonymous student aboard the sinking ferry Sewol.

One of many farewells caught on video taken from the recovered cellphone of 17-year-old Park Su-hyeon.

Soon after the ferry began to tilt, there was nervous laughter, jokes about the Titanic and talk of selfies and Facebook posts from the doomed high school students huddled below deck.

But the lighthearted atmosphere soon turned serious as the listing worsened. Fear began building, and one student asked, "Am I really going to die?"

The shaky video — at times poignant and heartbreaking as the teens said last words to their loved ones — was found on the cellphone belonging to 17-year-old Park Su-hyeon when his body was recovered after the disaster on the morning of April 16 off South Korea.

The boy's father, Park Jong-dae, provided it Thursday to The Associated Press, saying he wanted to show the world the conditions aboard the Sewol as it sank. He earlier released it to select South Korean media.

About 220 bodies, mostly from inside the submerged vessel, have been recovered. More than 80 per cent of the victims were students from a high school in Ansan, south of Seoul, on their way to the tourist island of Jeju for a school trip.

The group of teens in Park Su-hyeon's video alternated between bluster, attempts at humour and unmistakable fear.

Only one could be seen wearing a life jacket at the beginning of the clips, which started at 8:52 a.m. and ended, with a small break between them, at 9:09 a.m., when everyone appeared to be wearing them.

Some of the students struggled as they tried to buckle the life jackets. As the listing worsened, they joked about "final commemorative pictures" and "defying gravity" by trying to walk on the walls.

"It's like we're becoming the Titanic," one student said.

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A photo taken from the mobile phone of deceased South Korean high school student Park Su-hyeon taken aboard the sinking ferry Sewol.

PARK SU-HYEON COURTESY OF THE PARK FAMILY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greenpeace. Activists arrested in oil dispute

Dutch police say they detained 31 Greenpeace activists who attempted to prevent a Russian tanker carrying the first oil produced by a new offshore platform in the Arctic Ocean from mooring at Rotterdam Port on Thursday.

The environmental group sent two ships, plus a fleet of rubber rafts, paragliders and activists on shore, to meet the Mikhail Ulyanov, a tanker chartered by Russia's state-controlled oil company, Gazprom OAO.

Activists painted the words "No Arctic Oil" in white letters on the hull of the Russian tanker. After several hours, the Ulyanov was able to dock safely.

Greenpeace opposes oil production inside the Arctic Circle, warning of the danger of a spill in a pristine and difficult-to-reach area — as well as the threat of worsening global warming caused by using fossil fuels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Florida jail. 2 inmates killed, 3 missing in apparent gas explosion

An apparent gas explosion all but destroyed a jail in the Florida Panhandle, killing two inmates, leaving three others missing and injuring as many as 150 people inside the building, authorities said Thursday.

The blast late Wednesday created a chaotic scene as injured inmates were bused to hospitals and others were taken to nearby jails because the crippled building had to be evacuated.

At a news conference, Escambia County Sheriff David Morgan wouldn't comment on whether inmates complained about smelling gas.

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Like an earthquake

"The explosion shook us so hard it was like we were in an earthquake."

Inmate Monique Barnes, who said she was knocked off her fourth-floor bunk.

Damage to the Escambia County Jail after an explosion in the facility Thursday in Pensacola, Fla. JOHN RAOUX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colombia

At least 3 dead in collapse of illegal gold mine

Colombian rescuers on Thursday hunted for more than a dozen people feared trapped beneath debris left in the collapse of an illegal gold mine that killed at least three people, officials said.

Cauca province Gov. Temistocles Ortega said the collapse occurred shortly before midnight in a rural area near Santander de Quilichao, about 315 kilometres southwest of Bogota, the capital.

By mid-afternoon, rescue workers had recovered the bodies of three dead and three injured, and he said they were searching for about 15 people still missing, according to the municipal police chief, Felipe Chacon.

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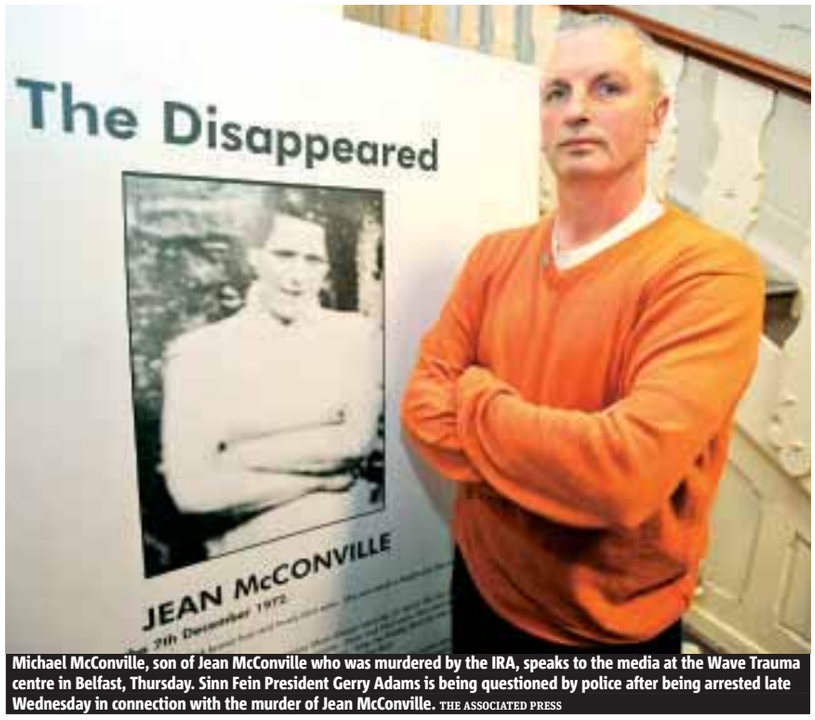
Sinn Fein chief faces murder allegations

Cold case. Children of Belfast woman shot, secretly buried by IRA in 1972, hope Gerry Adams will be charged with the crime



Michael McConville, son of Jean McConville who was murdered by the IRA, speaks to the media at the Wave Trauma centre in Belfast, Thursday. Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams is being questioned by police after being arrested late Wednesday in connection with the murder of Jean McConville. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

For most of her life, Helen McKendry has demanded that Sinn Fein chief Gerry Adams come clean about his alleged leadership role in the Irish Republican Army — and about the outlawed group's abduction, slaying and secret burial of her mother, Jean McConville, in 1972.

As Adams spends a second day being interrogated by detectives over the unsolved crime, McKendry fears her day of justice will never come. She was one of 10 children left orphaned by her widowed 37-year-old mother's slaying.

"I'm hoping against hope that he doesn't walk out free," McKendry told The Associated Press. "Everybody, the dogs in the street, knew he was the top IRA man in Belfast at that time."

Northern Ireland has met news of Adams' arrest with a mixture of world-weary resignation and cynicism. Adams' fans and foes alike agree on this much: He's too important a figure in the peace process to go to jail, and he's never going to talk honestly about his past command positions in the Provisional IRA.

The underground army killed nearly 1,800 people — including scores of Catholic civilians and IRA members branded spies and informers — before calling a 1997 cease-fire so Sinn Fein could pursue peace with Britain and Northern Ireland's Protestant majority.

McKendry, alongside her husband Seamus, launched an often lonely protest campaign in 1995 against Adams' denial of IRA involvement in her mother's murder. On Thursday, the 56-year-old said she found it hard to believe he was finally in custody and facing police questions.

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Timeline

- Two decades ago, Adams initially insisted in his first brief face-to-face meetings with the McKendrys that the IRA was not involved.
- Finally in 1999, under White House pressure, the IRA admitted responsibility for the slaying of Jean McConville and offered to pinpoint her unmarked grave on a beach 100 kilometres south of Belfast in the Republic of Ireland. That effort failed despite extensive digging.
- Then in 2003, a dog walker stumbled across her skeletal remains, with its bullet-shattered skull, protruding from a bluff above a different beach.

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Sparks fly over Tories' electoral reform bill

Fair Elections Act.
Proposed changes to law will cause hundreds of thousands to lose right to vote, critics charge

Among the bill's provisions

- Voters who come to polls without documents can't use voter information cards as fall-back ID.
- New limitations are proposed on citizens vouching for the identity of others.

The Conservative bill to tighten up election laws is in the final stages of review at a House of Commons committee, and things are getting ugly.

After long hours of scrutiny of the Fair Elections Act's many clauses, only two technical amendments by the opposition had been approved by Thursday afternoon.

New Democrat MP David Christopherson's frustration boiled over when the committee rejected a proposal to ensure voter information cards are marked prominently to indicate they are not considered valid ID.

The proposed Act has eliminated the cards as a fall-back ID for voters who discover they don't have the right documents when they show up to vote.

"We know, and Canadians know, that this is all about trying to get the fix in for the Conservatives in every way they can, and that voter suppression is alive and well in the government of Canada," said Christopherson.

The Conservatives countered that the chief electoral officer already has authority over the markings on voter identification cards, and the NDP amendment was not needed.

The opposition has argued that hundreds of thousands of voters, including First Nations, the homeless and students, will be disenfranchised by eliminating the use of the voter cards, as well as by new limitations on citizens vouching for the identity of others. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pilot project for female inmates with mental health needs

Troubled offenders.
New program a response to Ashley Smith inquest

In a response to the 2007 prison death of Ashley Smith, the federal government is starting a pilot project to help female prisoners with serious mental health needs.

Smith was a troubled teen whose long experience in the prison system ended in her choking to death in a cell while guards looked on. A coroner's inquest produced more than 100 recommendations aimed at improving the lot of mentally troubled prisoners.

The new project, announced Thursday by Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney, is aimed at female prisoners with serious mental problems.

It involves the Royal Ottawa health-care group's Brockville Mental Health Centre, which will set aside beds for troubled female offenders, and L'Institut Philippe Pinel in Montreal and the East Coast Forensic Hospital in Dartmouth, N.S.

The project will expand the system's ability to deal with the most troubled prisoners, Blaney said.

"Developing a partnership with the Royal Ottawa Health Care Group offers a timely opportunity to further our efforts to better manage those offenders with the highest needs through provincial health-care partnerships," he said in a news release.

George Weber, president of the Royal Hospital Group, said proper mental health care can pay dividends.

"We know that a significant number of offenders, especially women offenders, suffer from some form of mental illness and that those who receive treatment are not only healthier, but they are also less likely to reoffend."

Smith had a long history of choking herself. Before she died, guards were told not to intervene in her self-strangulation as long as she was breathing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recent statistics

29%

The Department of Public Safety says recent statistics show that at admission, 29 per cent of women offenders and 13 per cent of male offenders in federal custody self-identified as having mental health needs.

Papa names baby gorilla

Baby gorilla Nneka sits with her mother at the Toronto Zoo in this recent photo. The zoo says Charles, the Western lowland gorilla silverback who sired the female baby born Jan. 10, chose her name out of three possible contenders. CONTRIBUTED

New Brunswick

Fracking report makes waves

A report that urges caution before embarking upon fracking is causing ripples in New Brunswick, where shale gas development has set off storms of protests.

Stephanie Merrill of the Conservation Council of New Brunswick said the report by the Council of Canadian Academies highlights a lot of the concerns her group has about fracking, especially risks to groundwater.

"Decision-makers have been consistent in labelling that concern as misinformed and alarmist, and that's really concerning," she said Thursday.

The report released Wednesday says little is known about the long-term impacts of extracting gas by fracturing rock beds and more research needs to be done. It also raises concerns about the risk fracking poses to water resources, land and human health. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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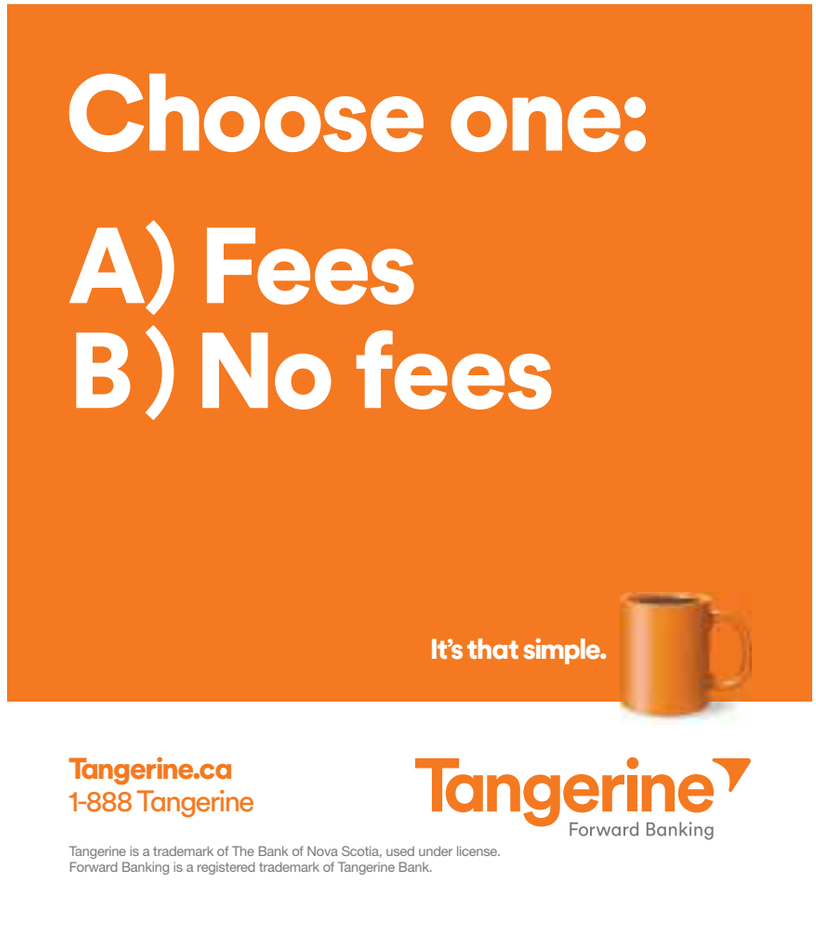

In pictures

1 Paris.

Tens of thousands of workers, including union activists in Paris, marked May Day in Europe with a mix of anger and gloom over austerity measures imposed by leaders trying to contain the Eurozone's debt crisis.

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2 Havana.

LGBT community members march with rainbow flags as Cuba marks May Day with massive marches.

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3 Istanbul.

A protester hides behind a shield as police use water cannons and teargas to disperse thousands trying to reach Taksim Square.

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4 Lisbon.

People wave red carnations and the Portuguese flag and sing a protest song at a May Day rally.

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55 colleges facing sexual assault inquiries

Fifty-five colleges and universities — big and small, public and private — are being investigated over their handling of sexual abuse complaints, the U.S. Education Department revealed Thursday.

The department's release of the list is unprecedented and comes as the Obama administration seeks to shed greater light on the issue of sexual assault in higher education and how it is being handled.

Going forward, the department said, it will keep an updated list of schools facing such investigations and make it available upon request.

The schools range from big public universities including Ohio State University; the University of California, Berkeley; and Arizona State University to private schools including Knox College in Illinois, Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania and Catholic University of America in the District of Columbia. Ivy League schools including Harvard, Princeton and Dartmouth are also on the list.

About half of all states had schools under investigation.

Massachusetts led with six schools on the list. They included Amherst College, Boston University, Emerson College, Harvard College, Harvard University Law School and the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

The agency previously would confirm such Title IX investigations when asked, but students and others were often unaware of them.

Catherine E. Lhamon, the assistant secretary of education for civil rights, said in a statement that a school's presence on the list does not mean that it has violated the law but that an investigation of complaints is underway.

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Anti-government demonstrators take cover behind their shields while storming the local Day in Donetsk, Ukraine, on Thursday. The clash came after a march by several hundred either greater autonomy from the central government, or independence and possible

Military pull out:

Ukraine crisis. Ukrainian president renews draft amid 'threats of encroachment'

Russian President Vladimir Putin said Thursday that Ukraine should withdraw its military units from the eastern and southern regions of the country, where anti-government insurgents are seizing buildings, but hours later, Ukraine's acting president ordered the military draft be renewed as the unrest intensifies.

Although Ukraine last year announced plans to end military conscription and transfer to an all-volunteer force, Oleksandr Turchynov said in his order that the draft must be renewed in light of "threats of encroachment on Ukraine's territorial integrity and interference by Russia in the internal affairs of Ukraine."

Moscow has consistently denounced Ukrainian security forces' largely ineffectual "anti-terrorist" operation against the eastern insurgents and warned they shouldn't commit violence against civilians. In a telephone conversation with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Putin said the removal of military units from the south and east was the "main thing."

Turchynov's order didn't specify where conscript-bolstered forces could be deployed. Earlier in the week, he said police and security forces had been effectively "helpless" against insurgents in the Donetsk and Luhansk regions, and that efforts should be focused on preventing its spread to other parts of the country.

In the regional capital city of Donetsk, anti-government demonstrators took over the regional prosecutor's office Thursday. Donetsk is the heartland of support for Russia-friendly former President Viktor Yanukovych.

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prosecutor's building after a pro-Russia demonstration during International Worker's people carrying flags of the Donetsk People's Republic, a movement that seeks annexation by Russia. MANU BRABO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

should Putin

Cambodia

Canadian filmmaker found dead at temples

The family of Dave Walker, a Canadian filmmaker who went missing in Cambodia in February, says he was found dead on Thursday.

A statement issued on behalf of Walker's family says his body was reportedly discovered by a child at the Angkor Wat temples in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Cambodian law enforcement officials told the family it appeared Walker had died several weeks ago.

The statement says a doctor at the site was unable to determine a cause of death and an autopsy will be held to try to determine how and when Walker died.

Forensic officer Pheng Pich says there are no initial signs of foul play.

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Afghanistan

Taliban attack kills at least 13

A suicide car bomber detonated his explosives at a busy checkpoint in central Afghanistan, killing at least 13 people Thursday, an official said. The Taliban quickly claimed responsibility for the attack.

The attack on the entry checkpoint into Panjshir province killed five police officers and one intelligence officer assigned to the post, provincial police chief Aziz Ghyrat said.

Seven civilian construction workers were also killed in the blast, which Gyrat said happened in the late afternoon as cars were lined up to be searched before entering the province on a narrow mountain road.

Several other civilians in other vehicles were wounded in the blast, Gyrat said.

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Infrastructure lacking

Canada can't help Ukraine as energy supplier

Canada has little hope of reaping any kind of energy or resource windfall from the crisis in Ukraine.

That message was delivered Thursday to a House of Commons committee in testimony by energy experts from Alberta, Europe, and Ukraine. The committee is hearing evidence on whether there are opportunities for Canada to export oil and gas to Europe and help wean Ukraine off its dependence on Russian energy.

The natural resources committee was told that Canada is the better part of a decade away from having the pipelines and other infrastructure necessary to be a meaningful energy supplier to Europe.

Russia supplies most of Ukraine's natural gas, giving it an economic lever over the Ukrainian military — one it is currently exercising.

Russia annexed the Crimean Peninsula last month while pro-Russian gunmen are taking over cities in the country's eastern region.

The testimony offered a sobering counterpoint to the Harper government's public enthusiasm about increased Canadian energy exports to Europe.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel appeared unenthusiastic about that prospect when she hosted Prime Minister Stephen Harper in March. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Man vs. environment

"The reality is that you can take the best people in the world and — after a long period of time — things will start to slowly break down because people are unhappy with the environment..."

Robotics engineer Simon Engler

Calgarian Simon Engler is pictured in Hawaii during a 2013 NASA-funded Mars simulation. Researchers used the spaceflight dress rehearsal to study physical and culinary challenges. Engler is now helping out with a similar follow-up exercise. COURTESY OF DR. SIAN PROCTOR

Bringing Mars down to Earth

Simulation. Former U of C PhD student chosen as one of the guinea pigs to test problems with inter-planetary exploration ... in Hawaii

BRYAN WEISMILLER
Metro in Calgary

Robotics engineer Simon Engler has survived the rigors of a Mars mission without ever setting his space boots down on the Red Planet.

As part of a NASA-funded simulation, Engler hunkered down inside a two-storey dome on the northern slope of the Mauna Loa volcano. There, he and his fellow guinea pigs encountered "red-flag problems" related to inter-planetary exploration.

The HI-SEAS crew battled bouts of separation anxiety, yucky pre-packaged diets and stinky feet during the four-month social experiment staged on a barren lava field. It explored the emotional strain of being isolated for months or years at a time, with others.

"It's not a normal environment for a human to live in for a long period of time," Engler told Metro. "The reality is that you can take the best people in the world and — after a long period of time — things will start to slowly break down because people are unhappy with the environment.

"NASA really needs to know how to mitigate it before they actually take this mission."

Life on Hawaii's Big Island may sound like reality TV. But don't tell that to Engler, who sloughs off the much-publicized Mars One project for its "questionable financial responsibilities."

Engler, who at the time was a PhD student at the University of Calgary, says he pitched a robotic companion project as part of the application process for HI-SEAS, and was chosen from a pool of 700 applicants.

He describes his colleagues as brainy, "astronaut-like" folks who specialize in fields such as nanotechnology, geology and physics. They were a mixed bag of Type-A and Type–B personalities, which was supposedly the right mix during the dress rehearsal.

"If you have a balance between personality types then things will work out in the long run," said Engler, who is now helping out with Round 2 of the Mars simulation.

People problems aside, human settlers will also need to contend with supremely harsh environmental conditions on the freeze-dried planet. Hyper-arid soil, wicked dust storms and seasonal geysers provide formidable challenges.

The average temperature hangs around -53 C, although lows can be twice as chilly, according to the Canadian Space Agency. And spacesuits are needed to prevent the astronauts' skin and lungs from exploding due to low air pressure.

Finding water remains another massive hurdle for many researchers, as it's deemed a key indicator to whether the planet is hospitable to life.

"You're unlikely to find flowing water on the surface unless it was salt-rich. But even then it would be incredibly rare," said Chris Hugenholtz from the U of C. "That water's going to have to come from underground."

He noted there's plenty of evidence of "water-ice", or water in the form of ice, in the polar caps. But thirsty space explorers will also have to keep an eye out for spectacular geysers, which stem from a build-up of carbon dioxide gas below the south polar ice sheet. The jet-like eruptions are known to spew sand and dust hundreds of feet into the air.

Dust devils are known to blanket the entire planet over days, which Hugenholtz noted could impede space crews' solar-powered gear.

"There are some bizarre things occurring on the surface that they're going to have to deal with if they're in those more polar regions of Mars looking for water," he said.

Located at about 8,000 feet elevation, the Mars-like HI-SEAS habitat was free of cultural norms, endangered species and lush greenery. It featured a two-storey dome, enclosing a volume of 13,570 cubic feet. COURTESY OF DR. SIAN PROCTOR

Earth to Ma

Veronica Ann Zabala-Aliberto, right, from Arizona State University and Hugh Gregory, of Hanksville, Utah. The research station based in the Utah desert is sponsored by the groups a year that man the station for one to two weeks at a time. GETTY IMAGES

Mission to Mars: Day 3

• **Online:** Go to metronews.ca for a photo gallery of the 2013 NASA-funded Mars simulation

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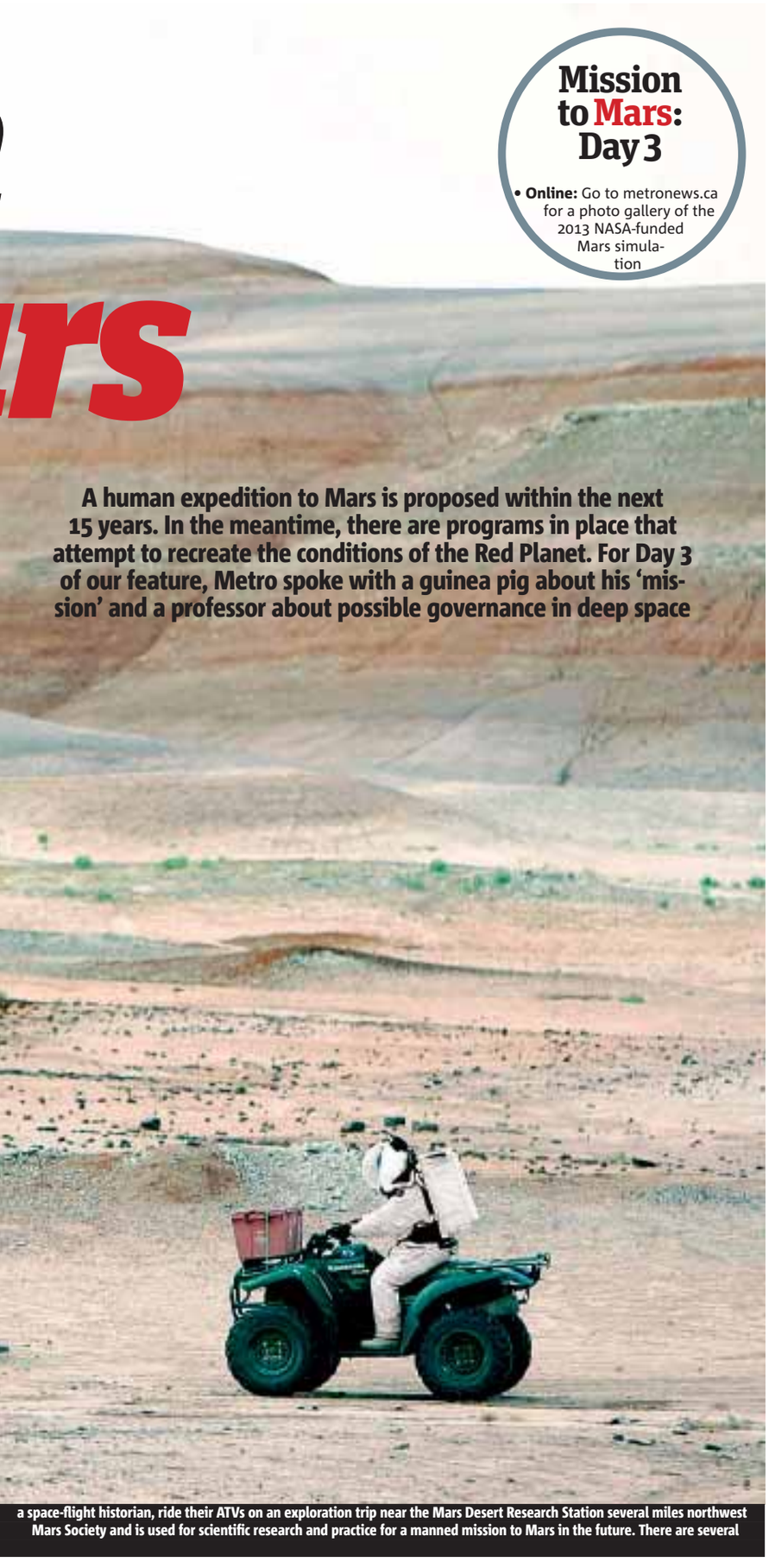
A human expedition to Mars is proposed within the next 15 years. In the meantime, there are programs in place that attempt to recreate the conditions of the Red Planet. For Day 3 of our feature, Metro spoke with a guinea pig about his 'mission' and a professor about possible governance in deep space



a space-flight historian, ride their ATVs on an exploration trip near the Mars Desert Research Station several miles northwest Mars Society and is used for scientific research and practice for a manned mission to Mars in the future. There are several

LIVING UNDER MARTIAN LAW

Move over, Martians — humans are coming to town. But how would early space crusaders organize after putting footprints on the Red Planet? Paul Fairie, who teaches municipal governance at the University of Calgary, was nice enough to play along and offer some realpolitik answers to hypothetical questions:

METRO: Do the first Mars occupiers need to establish a local government? What have we learned from Lord of the Flies?

PF: If the first settlers were all initially astronauts and therefore mostly from a military background, there probably wouldn't be a need for local government right away, since they'd have a chain of command in place already. However, once a generation or two had passed and the population was no longer primarily military, I'd expect that they'd want to establish a local government to take care of basic local needs that couldn't just be completely dictated from Earth, like the fair distribution of resources and making sure society is functional. Otherwise, the colony would run the risk of being completely dictatorial, with us Earth-bound humans dictating laws to second- and third-generation Martians.

METRO: What's the best type of governing structure for this situation? Plutocracy?

PF: I imagine something of a two-stage process. First, a proper non-democracy where military ranks dictated who had power. This would work well with a small group of military-trained astronauts. After a while, we'd probably see the need for a local government for self-regulatory matters. At this point, we'd probably have a democracy — luckily the settlers would have the benefit of hindsight. What would be really exciting here is that the form the government could take would be quite unpredictable, because they would have the rare opportunity to make a completely new government.

HI-SEAS crew engineer Simon Engler used the Husky robot while testing machine operation in bulky spacesuits. He also explored how robotic companions ease loneliness. COURTESY OF DR. YAJAIRA SIERRA-SASTRE

METRO: How should Mars residents be taxed? Would an Alberta-style flat tax be an alien concept?

PF: Taxation would be a tricky one for a while since most of the resources will have to be brought in from Earth. If they were using an Earthling currency, would they be buying products and services from each other? Would they create their own currency? If so, how would they decide the initial allotment of funds? At least until the colony was big enough, I'd have to imagine a bartering economy would spring up for basic goods and services ("I'll trade you a hair cut for some Martian key lime pie."), and perhaps a social obligation to contribute some labour to the settlement might spring up before a currency economy would.

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Market Minute

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Igniting, exploding

Flashlights handed out at Marlboro promo recalled

About 365,000 multiuse flashlights distributed during a cigarette promotion are being recalled due to a fire hazard that can occur when matches inside the device ignite.

The company that makes Marlboro cigarettes said Thursday it has received 11 reports of matches igniting inside the flashlight and two reports of explosions. One person reported minor burns and another received treatment for injuries to the hand, the company said.

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New device

Treat sleep apnea with a zap, or two, while you sleep

Sleep-deprived Americans have a new option to address hard-to-treat nighttime breathing problems: a first-of-kind device that keeps airways open by zapping them with an electrical current.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the pacemaker-like device from Inspire Medical Systems for sleep-apnea patients who have trouble with the current standard of care: machines that blow air through a bedtime mask.

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Sure, I'll move ... for a 20% raise

Oh, plus ... all moving expenses and a $100,000 non-taxable, interest-free loan

A new survey suggests fewer than half of Canadians are willing to move for employment opportunities — a finding that could shed light on why companies may instead be turning to temporary foreign workers.

The survey, conducted by Ipsos Reid for the Canadian Employee Relocation Council, asked more than 2,000 Canadians whether they'd move either within their provinces or to other parts of the country for a job.

Only 10 per cent of respondents indicated an eagerness to move, while a third said they could be persuaded for the right job and the right incentives.

The top incentive selected by those respondents who said they would consider a move to another part of the country is a 20 per cent raise in pay, plus all moving expenses being covered by the employer.

More than half of respondents also said governments could play a role in enticing them to move by permitting employers to provide a tax-free housing allowance for up to six months to allow them to settle in to a new location.

Almost half said employers should also be allowed to provide non-taxable, interest-free loans of up to $100,000 for the purchase of a home in the new location.

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Staying put

According to a 2013 report from Statistics Canada and Haver Analytics, the percentage of the Canadian population moving between provinces has been in steady decline since 1977, when 1.5 per cent of the population was mobile, to less than one on per cent in 2012.

Is this a Loblaws or a Shoppers? Soon it may be hard to tell

A pedestrian walks past the Loblaws grocery store and Joe Fresh outlet located in the former Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto on Thursday. The head of Canada's largest grocer wants you to imagine picking up a hot sandwich, a bunch of bananas and a pair of Joe Fresh earrings while you wait for a prescription at Shoppers Drug Mart. Galen G. Weston, chairman of Loblaw Companies Ltd., the new owner of the pharmacy chain, says all these possibilities could soon be a reality. Loblaw closed its $12.4-billion purchase of Shoppers stores in March. DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cash. Don't be so robophobic, robots are great advisors

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That appears to be the thinking behind a field garnering a lot of interest in the U.S.

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Pot. Don't be so paranoid, it's legal in Colorado now

Colorado is trying again to set up the world's first financial system for marijuana in an attempt to move the pot industry away from its cash-only roots.

A bill up for its first hearing Thursday is prompted by frustration with recent marijuana banking guidance from the Treasury Department. Banks and the pot industry say the guidance is inadequate because it gives financial institutions no confidence that they can serve the marijuana industry without running afoul of federal law.

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‘A BOLD AND HISTORIC MOVE’

THE METRO LIST

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1 Racism gets a smack down. Sacramento Mayor Kevin Johnson called it “a defining moment in history” and Al Sharpton “a bold and historic move.” Just months into his new role as NBA Commissioner, Adam Silver cemented his legacy already by banning LA Clippers owner Donald Sterling from the league after his racist remarks.

2 Selfie with Jim Carrey. When the A-list actor landed at Peterborough Airport Friday, he showed his down to earth side, posing in pictures on the tarmac with a bunch of high school students and in a selfie tweeted by student Zach Premate. The only thing that would have made it more epic is if Jerry Seinfeld was in the pic, too — he was in Peterborough a day later at the same airport.

3 Runaway blimp. It was the talk of the town this week as a two-storey, 21-metre-long Budweiser blimp in the shape of a hockey goal light broke loose from its tether in Saint John, N.B. Yep, this must have been a tricky one for Transport Canada, who was in hot (air?) pursuit. The blimp eventually landed in the woods northeast of the city, no doubt feeling a bit deflated.

4 Let’s go Raptors. Coming off their first road playoff victory in 13 years in Brooklyn, the Raptors took care of business at home in a nail-biter Wednesday night, and now can close things out in Game 6 Friday in Brooklyn. Everything is on the line for an amazing, courageous team having a Cinderella season.

5 Stop making sense. Parks Canada announced plans to install Wi-Fi hotspots in up to 50 parks this year. So next time you’re enjoying some solitude in the woods, you can stop and tell the world on Twitter, Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat.

6 National Canadian Film Day. REEL Canada had a novel idea: to do a National Canadian Film Day to draw attention to all the amazing films being made in this country. So Wednesday, people took to social media to talk about homegrown cinematic gems using the hashtag #CANFILMDAY. Beautiful thing. My fave two: Meatballs and The Sweet Hereafter.

7 Another one bites the Cyber Dust. Hailed as the Snapchat of words, the Cyber Dust app allows you to send a message to someone that will disappear forever 30 seconds after being opened by the recipient. Yes, you are now the James Bond of texting. Go wild.

8 Superhero supermovie. Awesome superhero fun, as Warner Bros. studio announced plans to make a Justice League movie. Superman, Batman, Wonder Woman, Aquaman, Flash and Green Lantern together in one movie? My goodness, I’m in superhero heaven.

9 RoFo back on the crack? Twitter blew up after Ford was caught on tape again allegedly smoking crack cocaine. He has announced a leave of absence from his duties as mayor to get treatment for his addiction. May this be his rock bottom, so he finally gets the real help he needs.

ZOOM

He’s got a need for Speed

Helped by a Kickstarter campaign, Ryan Beitz, in addition to trying to get his hands on every VHS copy of Speed known to humankind, is also aiming to transform an old van into a replica of the original bomb-rigged bus. CONTRIBUTED

Q&A

Man tries to collect every VHS copy of ’90s classic

Twenty-six-year-old Ryan Beitz is a collector of sorts: He aims to own every VHS copy of the 1994 classic Speed. So stirring is Beitz’s pointless task that it compelled the movie’s screenwriter Graham Yost to use these touching words: “Other than world peace and ending hunger, I can think of no greater cause than what this one brave and visionary man has embarked upon.” The great feat doesn’t end there, though. Metro chats to the zany collector about The World Speed Project:

Obviously what you’re doing is a waste of time, so why are you so committed? There’s no real good reason for it. I’m dedicated only because it’s totally pointless and stupid. I’m totally dedicated to the uselessness if it.

Does it annoy you that people are trying to sabotage your goal by holding onto copies? People can try to thwart me but they are going to die and then I’ll have my copy.

Any words for the haters? I would say to them keep doing it because whether you love or hate the World Speed Project but especially if you hate it, you’re a part of it.

Do you play each copy to check it works? No, definitely not, but I did at first. Actually it paid off this one time because there was a copy of the Flintstones that was in a Speed case with the Speed label. But I figured that one out and I’ll find that other copy.

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May every traffic delay be this cute

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Among the things that add tedium to the absurd commuting times in some of our larger cities is that they tend to be caused by similar snafus. A blown tire. A fender bender. Every now and again an overturned truck of marbles or bees will spice things up a bit.

What we never get is a gang of adorable lion cubs and their watchful lionesses waking up after a long snooze on a stretch of sun-heated asphalt. For that kind of delay, you’re going to need your daily commute to take you through South Africa’s Kruger National Park, which we assume is named after the claws of those who live there. (Via Barcroft TV)

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Spinning the same old story

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

The Amazing Spider-Man 2 is a rehash of the origin story. CONTRIBUTED

Synopsis

Fresh out of high school, Peter Parker (Andrew Garfield) is being pulled in two different directions. He loves Gwen Stacy (Emma Stone) but is troubled by a promise he made to her late father (Dennis Leary) that he would never let anything bad happen to her. Meanwhile, Peter's old friend Harry Osborn (Dane De Haan), heir to the Oscorp fortune, is battling a hereditary disease he thinks can be cured with a dose of Spider-Man's blood and Max Dillon (Jamie Foxx), a low level Oscorp electrical engineer, has an accident that rewires him into Electro, a villain with the power to control electricity.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

The Amazing Spider-Man 2.

Franchise needs a more exciting story to keep the Reel Guys caught in its web

Richard: Mark, at two-and-a-half hours, the new Spider-Man movie is almost equal parts action and story.

The first 15 minutes contains not one, but *two* wild action sequences that'll make your eyeballs dance.

If you haven't had your fill of special effects for the week, your thirst will be quenched early on.

Then the onslaught of story begins.

Jammed packed with plot, bad guys and lots and lots of moony-eyed love, it's the busiest superhero movie in recent memory.

Did you get caught up in the film's web?

Mark: No, Richard, the movie got caught in its own web. Too much of the film is like the last one, which was very good, but do we need to rehash the origin story yet again?

The action sequences are good, and they'd better be, because the plot and characters are feeling kind of tired by now.

Not that there aren't good things in the movie.

I liked Jamie Foxx's villain, who was sadly sympathetic in a Frankenstein kind of way. And Dane DeHaan, as tortured Oscorp heir Harry Osborn, has the best scenes in the picture, with an otherworldly look that reminded me of a British fascist circa 1936 or Tilda Swinton's illegitimate son; I'm not sure which.

RC: I thought he kind of looks like the Evil Annoying Orange with a better haircut. To each his own.

He does have some of the best scenes in the film, and this is a movie with several well-crafted dramatic moments.

Too bad most of them feel like they're lifted from another movie and dropped into this one as placeholders for the action sequences.

Peter Parker is shedding tears over his love life one minute, swinging on webby vines through the streets the next.

Both tones are well executed, but they often feel forced together.

MB: The movie seems more like a pastiche than a sequel.

Sally Field, bless her Norma Rae heart, invests her part with the intensity of a Eugene O'Neill play.

Jamie Foxx makes a sympathetic villain in the Frankenstein mode even though he's made up like a rogue member of Blue Man Group. But Richard, why is Spidey so cocky this go round? His awkwardness is usually part of his charm.

RC: That's more from the comic books.

The Sam Raimi Spider-Man movies didn't use Spidey's sarcasm, but on the pages of the comics he wasn't shy to let loose with some trash talking.

MB: The movie is watchable and intermittently entertaining, but the franchise really needs to invigorate itself to keep me caught in its web.

SCENE 2

The must-see films of summer

Sorry, summer moviegoers, but this May through August you have only three superhero movies to choose from. What's worse, only two of those are from Marvel — and only one of those is part of the official Marvel Cinematic Universe. Instead you'll have a treasure troveof alternative blockbusters featuring bitter witches, mythic beefcakes, sky-high lizards, giant robots and giant turtles.

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

Drama/Romance

The Lunchbox

Director. Ritesh Batra

Stars. Irfan Khan, Nimrat Kaur

Housewife Ila wants to add some spice to her marriage through her cooking, so she prepares a lunchbox to be delivered to her husband at work, but it's mistakenly delivered to another worker, Saajan, a lonely man on the verge of retirement. Curious about the lack of reaction from her husband, Ila puts a little note in the following day's lunchbox, in the hopes of getting to the bottom of the mystery, which begins a series of lunchbox notes between Saajan and Ila.

Rotten Tomatoes™ score

Critics: 93%

Audience: 86%

Godzilla (May 16)

High-concept premise: The fire-breathing, rampaging lizard of Japanese cinema is back — only it's definitely not the campy 1998 one that no one likes because it's just awful.

Superpower: Its cast is nothing to sneeze at: Bryan Cranston, Elizabeth Olsen, Sally Hawkins, David Strathairn and … holy crap, Juliette Binoche is in this? The tone looks serious. In fact, not unlike the original Japanese version of Godzilla from 1954, which is in fact quite grim.

Weakness: Director Gareth Edwards last tried to subvert the monster movie with Monsters, which ended up being packed with indie clichés. This could get too dour. Also, let's not forget, this is still freakin' Godzilla.

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Edge of Tomorrow (June 6)

High-concept premise: Tom Cruise, 51, plays an alien-battling soldier caught in a time loop. Emily Blunt is also there.

Superpower: This is based on a beloved science-fiction novel, All You Need Is Kill, by Hiroshi Sakurazaka, though they've changed the title.

Weakness: Are they insane? All You Need Is Kill is a GREAT title. The new one sounds like an Epcot ride — or an Isaac Asimov book that doesn't feature alien fighting.

X-Men: Days of Future Past (May 23)

High-concept premise: The X-Men Babies prequels soldier on, and if you're sick of young and dashing Magneto, then don't worry: Wolverine and many others from the first three films have been shoehorned into it.

Superpower: Nuts to Godzilla: This has the best cast of any summer movie, with Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence, Patrick Stewart, Ian McKellen, plus newbies Peter Dinklage and Omar Sy of "The Intouchables."

Weakness: This sounds like a lot of characters to deal with in only 130 minutes. Good luck with that.

Jupiter Ascending (July 18)

High-concept premise: The Wachowskis tanked with Speed Racer and Cloud Atlas. So, naturally, they've been given another $150 million to do another nutty idea.

Superpower: The Wachowskis (and the studio) are no doubt gambling on stars Mila Kunis, Channing Tatum and Eddie Redmayne to pull people through the weirdness.

Weakness: Speed Racer is visually unique and Cloud Atlas ambitious, but both are kind of drags.

Transformers: Age of Extinction (June 27)

High-concept premise: Shia LaBeouf and that model he was banging are no more — the franchise about giant robots with millions of headache-inducing parts has decamped for Marky Mark.

Superpower: It has 100 percent less Shia.

Weakness: It's a freakin' Michael Bay Transformers movie. Moreover, Marky Mark looks awfully solemn in the press images.

Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (August 8)

High-concept premise: The '80s pizza-eating reptiles finally get a reboot after the 2007 film TMNT didn't quite bring them back.

Superpower: This one's superpower is probably nostalgia, with a sizeable marketing budget.

Weakness: Like all live-action versions of the franchise — including the ones from the '90s that briefly featured Elias Koteas as Casey Jones — this looks too serious a film considering it's about turtles who eat junk food and are named after famous painters.

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24 will return to Live Another Day

London calling. With a 12-episode miniseries about to premiere, 24's executive producers bring Jack Bauer's world of intrigue to the U.K.

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Kiefer Sutherland's Jack is back in 24: Live Another Day. GLOBAL

Jack Bauer is back. After four years off the air, the action series 24 returns with a 12-episode miniseries, 24: Live Another Day. We tried to pry some info out of executive producers Manny Coto and Evan Katz about the new story and what may be next for Jack. Let's just say they held up under interrogation.

How does it differ approaching 12 episodes instead of 23 or 24?
Manny Coto: It's easier in the sense that it's half the work, but it's also challenging in the sense that the stories are more concentrated in 12 episodes. There's less room for wiggle. In a 24-episode season, there were episodes that were transition episodes. There were episodes where not as much happened as in other episodes. But in this season, every episode has to be an A episode, has to be a premiere episode. There's no taking-us-from-one-story-to-the-next episode. It's 12 episodes of high points. In this season, we really just pressed the pedal down hard and went all the way for what we're doing.
Evan Katz: Pedal to the metal.
Coto: Right. I just didn't want to say the cliché.
Is this an example of the effect of successful cable shows, which have shorter seasons?
Coto: I don't really think that was the idea. This is kind of what they wanted. We were told, "Let's do a 12-episode thing." I personally would've gone to 24, but I'm the only person apparently in the room who would've done that.
Katz: I would not have.
Coto: Evan would not have. I liked the original format. However, this is something that has worked astoundingly well. But we're not doing a cable show. It's 24, but it just happens to be 12 episodes. We do still have a way to cover a full day. It will be 12 hours out of a 24-hour period, but each episode is in real-time.

What about the decision to set it in London?
Katz: It was a way to bring back the series in a bold and different way, and it reflected the character's exile at the end of Season 8. I mean, he fled the country and is in exile. And there's something exciting about seeing Jack Bauer racing through the streets of London. It's a completely different environment. Jack's a very American hero, and it's kind of the old "ugly American in a foreign country." (laughs) This time the American is running around with a gun and blowing things up. We're inflicting Jack on London.

How are you going about incorporating how the world has changed since Season 8, especially recent developments in the intelligence industry?
Katz: There are a couple of things that have happened in the world in the last four years since the show went off, and that is one of them. We'll put it this way: events have offered us some great and real-feeling story possibilities. In other words, we can't tell you.

Mary Lynn Rajskub made some cryptic comments about what Chloe has been up to.
Katz: Yes, and we actually locked her away for that. (laughs)

Has there been talk about what might happen to the franchise after this?
Katz: Not really. We're trying not to dwell on that right now. We have enough to do. But you know, it's also relevant to how we're ending this particular batch and what we see the future of the character as.

The "Ugly American"

"This time the American is running around with a gun and blowing things up. We're inflicting Jack on London."

Evan Katz, executive producer, 24: Live Another Day

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The queen of alt-rock, a metal band from Saudi Arabia and a worldly twist on a classic rock ballad

You Know My Name/ Wedding Day/ Courtney Love

Love unleashes her first new solo material in 10 years with a double A-side 7-inch and digital release that's as fierce as anything she's ever done.

Heen Yadhar Al Ghasq/Al-Namrood

A black metal band from Saudi Arabia? And a name that translates as "The Non-Believer" and which references an ancient malicious ruler who usurped Allah's place as God?

Sweet Child Of Mine/Shabi

Mesmerizing cover of the Guns N' Roses classic done in the qawwali style of Pakistan, complete with sitar parts. It's more proof that a truly great song lends itself to any manner of interpretation.

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Some quality conversation

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Video game review

Name. Kirby Triple Deluxe

For. Nintendo 3DS/2DS

Rated. Everyone

Kirby can inhale things, a power so great at times that he uproots trees, strips the landscape from the skies, and extracts panicked monsters from their homes. The weight and terror can be shockingly wonderful. This is Nintendo animation at its finest, a gorgeous game brilliantly presented in 3D where a hall of mirrors plays against both the leaping foreground and the deep backgrounds brilliantly. From cowboy to ninja, Kirby takes on many roles, but his fire-juggling circus persona, which uses balloon animals as weapons, is especially inspired. **KRIS ABEL**

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Indie Cindy. Pixies return with new album

Joey Santiago has a helpful tip for Pixies fans savouring the alt-rock band's first album in 23 years: Add to your existing playlist of past Pixies favourites. Hit shuffle. Enjoy.

"It belongs in that old catalogue," said the lead guitarist over a dodgy telephone line from London on Tuesday, the official North American release date for Indie Cindy.

Santiago, along with frontman Charles "Black Francis" Thompson and drummer David Lovering, has kept the Pixies at the cutting edge of American indie music since the 1980s.

Bringing together a dozen tracks from three previously released extended-play records, Indie Cindy is the Pixies' fifth studio album.

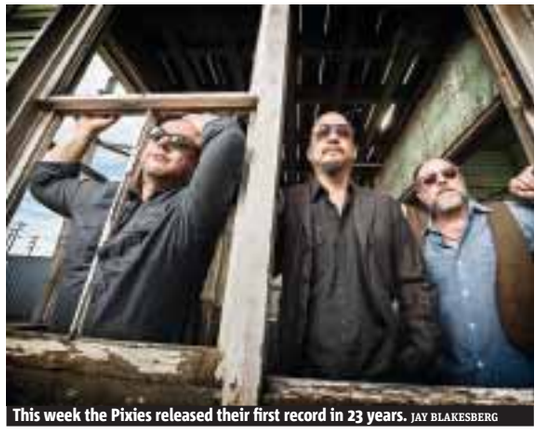
Never ones to dominate the charts, the Pixies have nevertheless had an outsized impact since coming together in Boston in 1986, with their sound influencing the likes of Nirvana, Weezer and Radiohead.

Reviews for Indie Cindy have been mixed: while Rolling Stone shrugged it off as a sampling of "hit-or-miss songs," Britain's NME music weekly hailed the "long overdue" album as "free-sounding, adventurous and explosive."

For Santiago, it's "an honest progression" and something of a "snapshot" of where the Pixies now stand with members well into middle age.

Hard-core fans will lament the absence of founding bassist Kim Deal, who quit the band in 2012.

But Santiago said the remaining Pixies have moved on. "When the news first got to us in that coffee shop in Wales (that Deal was leaving), it was a shock to the system," he said. "We went through the mourning process, and it's over. We've got to let the past be the past."


This week the Pixies released their first record in 23 years. JAY BLAKESBERG

Santiago said the band is delighted with its current touring bassist, Paz Lenchantin, formerly with the rock group A Perfect Circle.

"Fortunately, we found somebody who fits right in," he said.

The Pixies should be enjoying life on the road as well. Coming off a U.S. tour that began last September, the group is soon heading to Australia for four gigs at the Sydney Opera House, before spending June and July in Europe.

"Sometimes I don't know what country I'm in," said Santiago, reflecting on the touring life with a hearty laugh.

"You know what? I relish it, because it's complete freedom, not knowing where you are. Does it really matter, as long as you woke up?" AFP

Quoted

"We're enjoying every moment of it, and we're really enjoying this new lineup."

Joey Santiago, guitarist, the Pixies
on touring with bassist Paz Lenchantin, who replaced long-time bandmate Kim Deal

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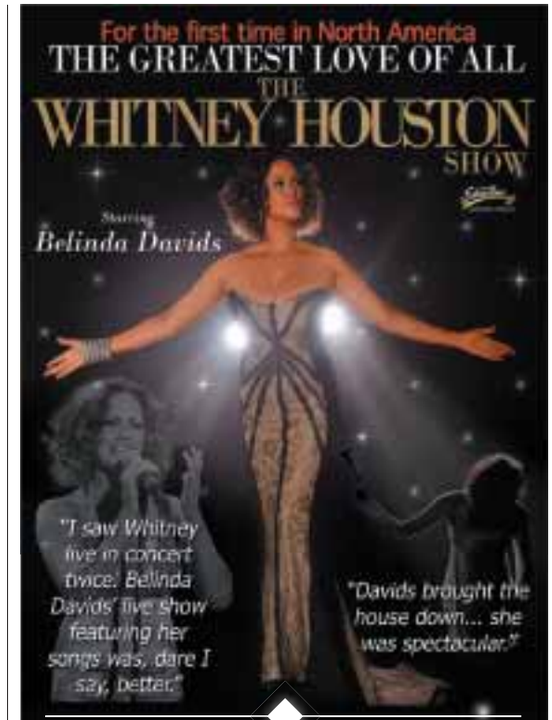
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Damon Albarn, the incognito pop star

Going solo. The man behind Gorillaz and Blur finds himself all alone in the spotlight for the first time

Damon Albarn performs during this year's SXSW Music Festival in Austin, Texas. Albarn's new album, Everyday Robots, was released this week.
JACK PLUNKETT/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mention groups like Gorillaz and Blur to the average music fan and the names are immediately recognizable. Mention Damon Albarn, the man at the heart of those groups and several other successful collaborations, and there can be a bit of head-scratching.

Albarn acknowledges that he faces an identity problem as he releases his first proper solo album, Everyday Robots, this week.

"People have to realize that it's actually me," Albarn said. "In America, if I took the number of people who were Gorillaz fans and actually converted them straight to Damon Albarn fans, I'd be guaranteed a No. 1 album in America, which would be very nice. But you can't guarantee things like that, at all. I mean round the world between Blur and Gorillaz, there's a (lot of fans). They obviously like me — but they don't necessarily know I'm me."

Everyday Robots is a chance for fans to get to know the 46-year-old British singer and multi-instrumentalist. The 12 tracks, loosely about the disconnection we face in the modern world, are as unfiltered as Albarn gets, full of the kind of personal observations, stories and thoughts that might usually receive a coat of paint in a group setting. "There's no embellishment at all," Albarn said.

The sessions for the new album grew out of the good feelings Albarn and friend and collaborator Richard Russell, CEO of XL Recordings, had left over after their The Bravest Man in the Universe collaboration with Bobby Womack. Albarn prefers to work in a collective, but Russell persuaded him it was time to do a solo album with some of Albarn's more melancholic material.

"We had a real esthetic that was working. It was like what do we do next?" Albarn asked. "Should we start a band? We even thought up a few names, but then we realized we're 44-year-old men at the time. Let's not try and start a new pop band. Maybe our time is over for that."

There's no age limit on creativity, though, and Albarn has managed to extend his career far beyond most of his contemporaries from the classic early 1990s British rock scene. He attributes his longevity to punching a clock every day at a building he owns in London where he has his own studio and administrative offices.

"I put it down to having a very good routine," Albarn said. "Five days a week, 10 till 5:30 — apart from school holidays."

He also has a sense of when to move on. He enjoyed a long world tour with his Blur bandmates last year, but knew it was time to take a long sabbatical from the band afterward. He suspects he'll soon feel that way about his latest project as well.

"I tend to get that way with everything," Albarn said. "I will take a sabbatical from myself for a while, no doubt, and go back to being someone else. This is the most fun thing to do, so I will continue being myself until it's no more fun. I haven't been myself for so long, it's novel." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I mean 'round the world between Blur and Gorillaz, there's a (lot of fans). They obviously like me — but they don't necessarily know I'm me."

Damon Albarn,
on preforming as a solo musician under his own name

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Flavour Fusion serves up variety

Located at 360 Main St. in Winnipeg Square food court, the tantalizing cuisine of Winnipeg's first, newly-opened Flavour Fusion franchise will surely delight your taste buds.

A culmination of exotic dishes from around the world awaits you. Succulent roast shawarma and shishtawouk are on the menu alongside Chinese dishes such as orange beef and spicy Mongolian beef. Their sought after fusion salad with chicken, lettuce, a six-bean medley, and corn, topped off with feta cheese is absolutely delightful. Along with the chicken shawarma, it's one of the most requested items.

Flavour Fusion offers diners something different and is passionate about offering the highest quality ingredients and authentic Mediterranean spices in each of their culinary creations. Their fresh falafel, hummus and tahini are all very popular and interestingly, the hummus served is an original blend made in Jordan and Flavour Fusion is the only location to carry it.

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Geldof's death linked to use of heroin: Police

Heroin likely played a role in the death of British model and television personality Peaches Geldof, authorities said Thursday.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Fotheringham of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate told an inquest into the death of the second daughter of Live Aid organizer Bob Geldof that a post-mortem examination was inconclusive, prompting further tests. In a brief hearing, Fotheringham said the results on the 25-year-old confirmed the presence of the drug.

"There was recent use of heroin and the levels identified were likely to have played a role in her death," he said.

Geldof's husband, Thomas Cohen, found her on April 7 after returning home from a visit to his parents.

"Thomas entered the property and went upstairs thinking that Peaches may have been sleeping." Fotheringham said. "Thomas then located Peaches in a spare bedroom and it was obvious to him that she was deceased.

"She was located on the edge of a bed with one leg hanging down to the floor with the other leg tucked underneath her; she was slumped forward across the bed."

Fotheringham said that even though Geldof had spent much of that weekend alone, she had been in contact with friends and family.

"All of the friends and family who had contact with Peaches during this period describe how she seemed her normal self and was making plans for the future, including booking a family outing for her sons the following weekend," Fotheringham said. "There was no cause for any concern."

The story offers a sad echo of the death of Geldof's mother, television presenter Paula Yates, who died of a drug overdose in 2000 when her daughter was 11.

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

James claims LiLo broke into his hotel room at 3 a.m.

MELINDA TAUB
Metro World News

Remember Lindsay Lohan's bang list? Maybe it wasn't so much a list of guys she had slept with as it was a list of guys who'd read her bedtime stories after she followed them around for a while. That's what James Franco claims happened to him.

Franco never actually slept with LiLo — they just made out a little, he told Howard Stern (via Gawker). "We were at this hotel during a very dark period of her history," he says.

"It seemed pretty damn clear that she liked me. I'd come home late to the hotel and she'd come find me. I knew which room she was in and I'd see through the window, like, 'Oh, there's another party at Lindsay's,' and she would come out to the pool area and find me.

"She even broke into my room one time because she was so at home there, I guess they just gave her the key. And so 3 in the morning I was on the couch, and I open my eyes and there's Lindsay in my room at 3 a.m. and it's like, 'OK, what do I do now?' I read her a story. I was in school, so I was like, 'All right, maybe I'll get a little homework done so I'll read her a story.'"

Franco may be the first famous gentleman to go on Howard Stern to brag about not sleeping with a beautiful woman. Lindsay was apparently touched by the attention she paid him, though — she continued to meet up with him whenever she could.

For Courtney's dad, Cobain case isn't closed

While authorities recently re-examined the 20-year-old death of Kurt Cobain and determined it was in fact a suicide, at least one person is still alleging that Cobain's wife, Courtney Love, had something to do with it — and that person is Love's estranged father, Hank Harrison. "No doubt she was capable," Harrison reportedly tells Radar Online. "I can't prove she pulled the trigger, but I can prove her involvement to a high degree of certainty." Harrison cites a recently published note penned by Cobain just before his death that refers to Love's "doping and whoring" as particularly damning for the Hole singer.

Courtney Love

"If you read the true meaning of this small note, and place it in conjunction with the rest of the evidence, anyone with even half a wit will see that something dire and awful took place," Harrison said to the website. METRO WORLD NEWS

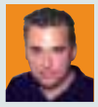
Zac Efron

Fight with homeless man was 'terrifying,' says Efron

Zac Efron is finally clearing the air about his mysterious scuffle with a homeless man near L.A.'s Skid Row last month. "The car ran out of gas off the 110. It was ridiculous. We had to pull over, and I called (car service) Uber," Efron explains to the Hollywood Reporter. "A homeless guy, or vagrant, tapped on the driver's side window. Before I knew it, (my friend) was out of the car, and they started fighting. I saw that (the homeless man) was carrying some sort of a knife, or shank, and I got out of the car to disarm him. At some point, he dropped the knife, and I got hit pretty hard in the face — and almost instantly the police were there to break up the fight. (It was) the most terrifying moment in my life." METRO WORLD NEWS

Liquid Assets

The catch of the day



LIQUID ASSETS
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While at a friend's wedding in New Brunswick last weekend, I found my roots in a bowl of homemade seafood chowder.

Growing up in Nova Scotia, a recipe of potatoes and just about anything from the ocean was more than a touristy treat in my house, its creation was a family tradition.

There were at least six different versions, from three generations, served at our gatherings. What they all had in common was a creamy consistency, which always caused trouble when it came to a wine match.

I'm in the white camp when it comes to chowder. No matter the recipe, the outcome is all about subtle flavours. The dark berry weight and forward tannins found in most glasses of red wine doesn't do the marriage (in your mouth) any favours.

Whites like those made from pinot grigio, unoaked chardonnay and sauvignon blanc work best. Chile's 2012 Santa Rita Reserva Sauvignon Blanc ($13.95 - $14.99) is fresh and tropical, with zesty citrus fruit and acidity that makes it a perfect partner with any chowder's cream and fish schtick. **PRICES REFLECT RANGE ACROSS COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.**

Condiment

Chili Lime Salt

- 1 large fresh red chili
- 1/2 cup flaky sea salt
- finely grated zest of 2 limes

Remove seeds from chili and slice flesh into tiny pieces. Mix with the sea salt and lime zest in a mortar and pestle or food processor and pound or blitz to form a fine crumb. If you want to store the salt for later use, dry it out in the oven at 150 C for 30 minutes.

ANNABEL LANGBEIN, GUSTOTV.COM

Makes 2 cups. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

Some dinners call for something light. Annabel Langbein, who brings good food into today's fast-paced world, shows us an Asian-inspired dish that takes 10 minutes to prep and five minutes to cook from her cookbook The Free Range Cook

Oodles of yum: Green Bean and Peanut Noodle Salad

This recipe serves six. ANNABEL LANGBEIN

THE FREE RANGE COOK
Annabel Langbein
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1. Cut the beans in half and boil them in salted water for 3 minutes. Refresh in cold water to retain their crunch and bright green colour.

Ingredients

- 6 handfuls (300 g) green beans, stalk ends trimmed
- 250 g rice stick noodles
- 1/2 cup roasted peanuts, roughly chopped
- 3 tbsp roughly chopped coriander
- 1 tbsp sesame seeds, toasted
- 2 cups bean sprouts

Dressing

- 1 tbsp sesame oil
- 2 tbsp grapeseed oil
- 2 tsp fish sauce
- 1/2 tsp salt
- ground black pepper

To serve

- lime wedges

2. Drop the rice noodles into a large pot of boiling water. Remove the pot from the heat immediately and allow to stand and cool for 10 minutes or longer. Drain the noodles then rinse in cold water.

3. Put the beans and cooked, drained noodles in a large serving bowl with the roasted peanuts, coriander, sesame seeds and bean sprouts.

4. Make the dressing by pouring sesame oil, grapeseed oil and fish sauce in a jar and shaking. Toss the dressing through the noodles and season to taste with salt and pepper.

5. Serve as a salad at room temperature or toss in a hot pan for 2-3 minutes for a stir fry side dish to serve with meats. Garnish with lime wedges to serve.

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Ducks, Kings primed for first playoff battle of L.A.

NHL. Rivals separated by 30 miles to square off for the first time in post-season Saturday

Southern California is in hockey heaven.

The Los Angeles Kings and the Anaheim Ducks will meet in the second round of the NHL playoffs this weekend, taking their Freeway Faceoff rivalry into the post-season for the first time.

"People have been waiting a long time for this," said Ducks forward Emerson Etem, who grew up rooting for the Kings in his native Long Beach. "It's huge for the game down here."

And it's huge for the Los Angeles sports scene, which has never experienced a matchup quite like the series that begins in Orange County on Saturday night.

The Lakers and the Clippers have never met in the NBA post-season. The Dodgers and the Angels have never reached the World Series together. The Rams and the Raiders never faced off in the NFL playoffs when they both called Southern California home nearly two decades ago.

But in their 20th season of head-to-head competition for the hearts of the Southland's hockey fans, the Kings and Ducks are squaring off for a trip to the Western Conference finals.

"We've been waiting for this to happen for a long time, and now it's finally here," Kings centre Jarret Stoll said.

With their rinks just 30 miles apart on the I-5 freeway, the Kings and Ducks have been geographical rivals ever since Anaheim entered the NHL as a Disney-backed expansion franchise in 1993.

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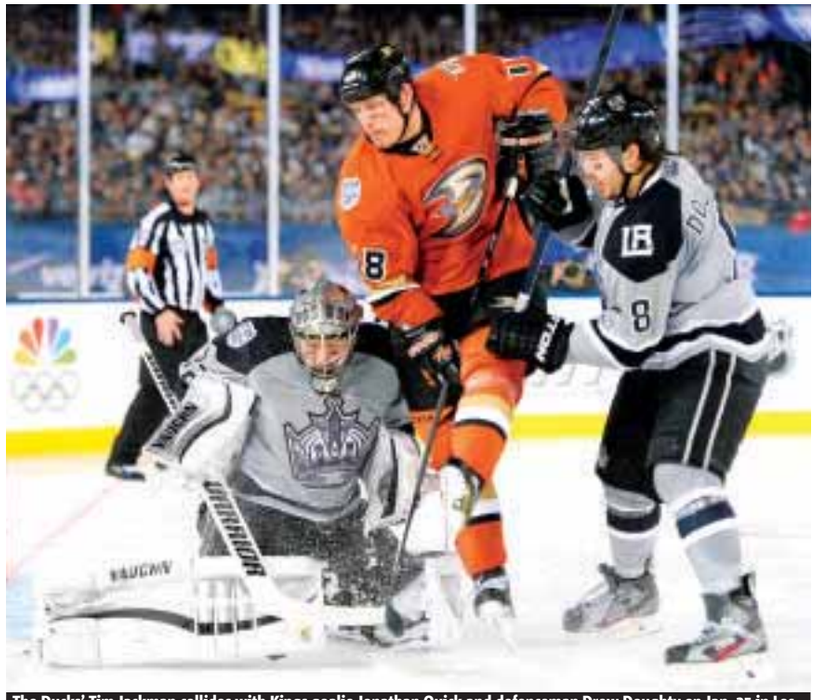
"You have to play a team in the playoffs to get a rivalry going. The distance makes it a good rivalry already, but this is going to be even better."

Kings defenceman Matt Greene



The Ducks' Tim Jackman collides with Kings goalie Jonathan Quick and defenceman Drew Doughty on Jan. 25 in Los Angeles. HARRY HOW/GETTY IMAGES

Blue Bombers

Season-ticket sales take a hit

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers said they expected a drop in season-ticket commitments for the upcoming 2014 season.

The club's projected numbers were worked into their budgets for 2014 and will not affect their bottom line. As of May 1, the team has sold 20,150 season-ticket packages.

"We anticipated heading into this year that we would see a bit of a drop off as people purchased season tickets to see the new stadium last season," said team president and CEO Wade Miller in a release.

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Investors Group Field

Stadium's final price tag is $210M

BBB Stadium Inc., the non-profit organization responsible for building Investors Group Field, has reached an agreement with builder Stuart Olson Dominion Construction on the final cost of constructing Winnipeg's new stadium.

The province has also kicked in an additional $1.5 million for this agreement, bringing the final build cost to $210 million.

Extra funds were required to complete work not included in the original design.

BBB Stadium Inc. chair Andrew Konowalchuk also says recent spring melt water damage to interior suites has been fully repaired at a cost of approximately $450,000, covered by one of their two construction-related insurance policies.

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4 SPORTS

Kings of pong gather 'round the table in Tokyo

China's Xu Xin plays against Zolt Pete of Serbia during their round-robin match at the world team table tennis championships on Tuesday in Tokyo. Scan the above image with your Metro News app to view a gallery of the best table tennis photos from Thursday.

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NBA playoffs

Thunder survive Grizz in Game 6

Kevin Durant scored 36 points to break out of a slump, and the Oklahoma City Thunder routed the Memphis Grizzlies 104-84 on Thursday night to force a deciding seventh game in the first-round Western Conference series.

Russell Westbrook added 25 points for the Thunder.

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Pacers stay alive in ATL

NBA playoffs. West helps Indiana grab life from jaws of elimination

Game 6

95	88
Pacers	Hawks

David West led Indiana on a 16-4 run to end the game, extending the season for the top-seeded Pacers with a 95-88 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Thursday night.

Trailing 3-2 after losing at home for the second time in the best-of-seven series, Indiana was poised for an early summer when the Hawks pushed out to an 84-79 lead with just over three minutes remaining, cheered on by a raucous crowd.

But, for the fourth time in this back-and-forth affair, the road team won.

West seemed to make every big play down the stretch, scoring four straight points and forcing a huge turnover to begin the turnaround. West hit two more baskets in the final minute to wrap things up, finishing with 24 points.

Game 7 is Saturday in Indianapolis.

Paul George also scored 24 points for the Pacers, making four straight free throws to help finish off the Hawks, trying to become only the sixth No. 8 seed to knock off a No. 1 seed.

Atlanta, playing perhaps its biggest home playoff game since the 1980s, looked as if it was on the verge of a huge celebration when the defence sagged and Jeff Teague knocked down a jumper, pushing the home team to a five-point lead with 3:16 to go.

But the Pacers showed some of the resolve they've been accused of lacking, led by West. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Hawks forward Paul Millsap, bottom, and Pacers forward David West battle for a loose ball on Thursday night in Atlanta. JOHN BAZEMORE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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March 21 - April 20
There will be many claims on your time and energy today, so be selective in what you agree to do or you may exhaust yourself. You know that it's better to do one job really well than ten jobs poorly.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may be tempted take a break and you have earned that right but the planets urge you to keep going. Make the most of your energy surge while you can — you know how quickly things can change.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
What you do for others now will come back to you many times over a few weeks hence when the Sun moves in your favour again. You don't have to sacrifice much — just put others' needs first occasionally.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It seems you have been taking one friendship for granted and if you let the situation carry on this way you may drift too far apart to ever get back together again. Give them a call.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Give your physical, mental and emotional batteries a chance to recharge. The good news is you have already made a big impression on someone in a position of power.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may be practical but you are allowed to dream too and one dream is close to coming true. Go all out today and over the weekend to push past any remaining obstructions.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may have to wait a few weeks before you get the chance to put your big idea into effect. The more time you give it to percolate through your brain, the more likely it is to be an outstanding success.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Others may be obstructive today but you don't have to make an issue of it. Treat it as an opportunity to show how patient and relaxed you can be.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You will be annoyed if something holds you back today but later you will thank your lucky stars that you were forced to stay where you are. If fate conspires to keep you from something there is a reason.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take difficulties in stride and find ways to get something constructive from them. The Sun in Taurus at this time of year has a hugely positive effect on your outlook on life.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The good news is you seem to be handling challenges well and the even better news is it won't be long before you are rewarded. Everything evens out in the end, so believe that the good times will return.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You may be tempted to muddle through a problem and hope it all comes right in the end, and maybe it will. But wouldn't it be easier if you called on the help of an expert? Not even a Pisces can do it all. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
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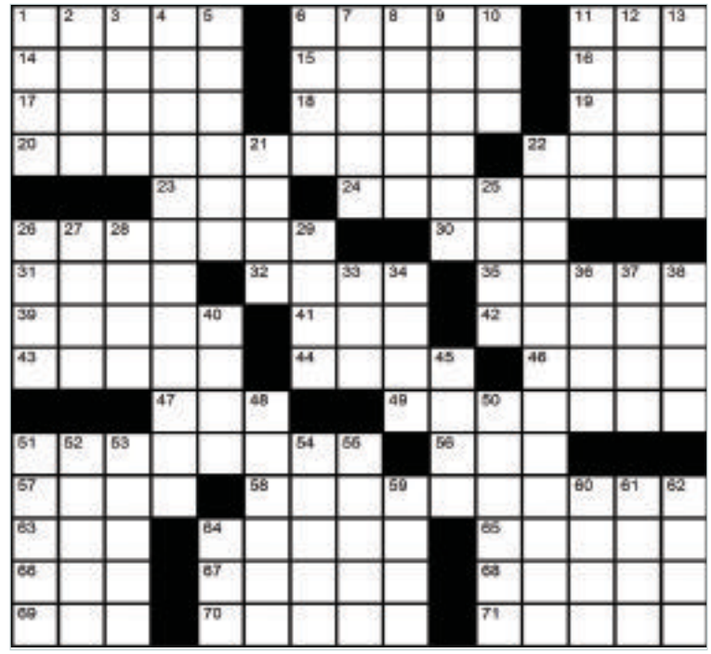

Across
1. Actor Jason
6. Move
11. 'Bad'-meaning prefix
14. Sluggish
15. Throw for _ __
16. __ Aduba, "Orange Is the New Black" actress
17. Bellowing
18. Grouches
19. Stubby pencil
20. NFLD: Historic site for Cabot Tower overlooking St. John's: 2 wds.
22. Enthusiasm
23. God: Italian
24. Environmental conditions
26. Jamie Foxx's role in #9-Down
30. Negatives
31. Ripped
32. __ Shmenge (John Candy "SCTV" character)
35. Beach
39. Movie-makers Joel and Ethan
41. "Wellll...?"
42. Leg bone
43. Actor Will
44. Pourboires
46. Petroleums
47. Cup circle
49. Scarcely
51. General __ Canada (Defence contractor)
56. "_ _ _" (1989) starring 'Weird Al' Yankovic
57. Mr. Julia
58. Manicure product: 2 wds.
63. Year: Spanish
64. Montreal: Saint Brother __ (A bit of his heart remains in Saint Joseph's Oratory)
65. Lothario
66. __. Engr.
67. Bull's 'stabs'
68. Extra
69. Wood sorrel
70. 1936 Berlin Olympics legend Jesse
71. 'Poly' follower

Down
1. Partiality
2. Crucifix inscription
3. Cartography subj.
4. Warren and Wetmore, Winnipeg's Union Station architectural firm, also designed New York's __ __ Terminal
5. __ of Belle Isle
6. Johann Sebastian __
7. Municipality in Quebec's Gaspe Peninsula, Saint-__
8. "I'm going to __ __ that I can to..."
9. "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" (2014) character, Green __
10. Retro albums, e.g.
11. Nova Scotia's motto: __ Haec Et Altera Vincit (One defends and the other conquers)
12. Blue hue
13. Earrings spots
21. Parrot type
22. 'Worst dressed' list highlights: 2 wds.
25. Majority
26. Abbr. list-enders
27. Hang over
28. "Able was I __ _ saw Elba." (Palindrome)
29. Jacob van __ the Elder (Flemish painter)
33. "__ _ gather that..."
34. Bunny jumps
36. Sad bio
37. Streamlet
38. __-going
40. Wedge
45. Atlantic 'porgy' fish
48. "Gilligan's Island" boat, S.S. __
50. "You can lead _ __ to water..."
51. __ Malfoy, from 'Harry Potter'
52. "Cityline" guest expert Mr. Simard (Designer)
53. La Vita __ (Dante prose)
54. Close-knit unit
55. Emergency sound
59. Discounted
60. "__ __ my wit's end!"
61. Dry
62. Tiller
64. Past

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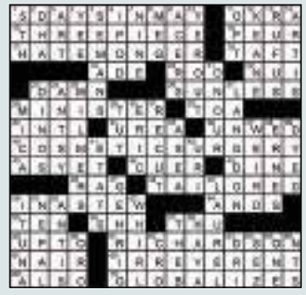

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

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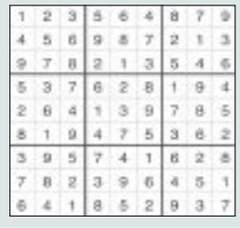

Weather

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MAX: 11° MIN: 5°	MAX: 6° MIN: 1°	MAX: 12° MIN: -2°

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FRIDAY Team Landreth 10pm-1am

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